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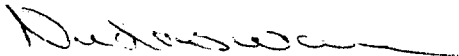
Dear Sir or Madam:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my feelings and views on forced molting. In April of 1998 I signed a petition to ban forced molting and I urge you to grant this petition. Forced molting is dangerous to the health of humans as well as being incredibly cruel to chickens. Forced molting has been scientifically proven to promote disease by destroying the hen's immune system. The FDA must do more for the consumer then put bacteria warning labels on the cartons of eggs.

You have the jurisdiction to put a ban on such a cruel and wrong practice. Let us enter the millennium with a clearer conscience. Hens every year are crammed into tiny cages with other hens. They have to endure the cruelty of debeaking and declawing, can't we spare them the cruelty of starvation. Please search your heart and grant this one kind act for the humans that consume these eggs as well as the chickens that lay them.

Thank you for taking the time to hear me out. I look forward to hearing back from you on this matter. I hope you have had a wonderful summer.

Sincerely yours,



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